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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, UNICE Committee on Exchanges

FROM : Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ^{NOV 1954}

SUBJECT: Preliminary Comments on the Exchanges Suggested by
the Departments of Interior and Commerce.

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1. The USSR Committee on Exchanges has forwarded to the Department of State the exchange proposals which directly and specifically reflect the views of the intelligence community, including this Office, and which were prepared for use in the current East-West negotiations on exchanges. At your request this Office has made a summary view of the exchange proposals submitted to the Department of State from the Departments of Interior and Commerce. As a result, this Office points up the following:

a. a substantial number of the Interior and Commerce proposals duplicate the exchanges previously suggested by OFR and recently included in the proposals by the USIB Committee on Exchanges, e.g., microwave equipment, solid state and semiconductor devices, shipbuilding, statistics and others.

b. many of the Interior and Commerce proposals are of general interest to OERI and certainly warrant consideration by State for current or supplementary negotiations. Several Department of Interior proposals, which are not included in the exchange proposals submitted by the UNICE Committee on Exchanges, are of specific interest to OERI. These include:

- (1) topographic and planimetric mapping
- (2) geophysics (it is suggested that the geophysical survey procedures include land and sea measurement as well as airborne measurement of gravity.)
- (3) forestry (the emphasis being on management and harvesting as contrasted with the scientific and research aspects of the current forestry exchange.)
- (4) range and livestock industry

2. This Office has a particular interest in the proposals from Interior and Commerce as indicated above, and suggests that the Department of State consider these proposals in its negotiations with the Soviet Union. We have not as yet, however, made a thorough review of each proposal to determine net gain.

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